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SNAP SHOT

Florida Immigration Enforcement Act***HB 7089***

HB 7089 creates the Florida Immigration Enforcement Act to give law enforcement officers the tools necessary to enforce the immigration laws of the United States. Additionally, by requiring the use of the E-Verify system for employment eligibility verification, this legislation helps Florida businesses further protect the jobs of legal U.S. residents.

Key Points:

- Prohibits state and local governments from limiting the enforcement of federal immigration laws or restricting the sharing of citizenship information with other state agencies or political subdivisions.
- Allows law enforcement officers to check immigration status of any person who is the subject of a criminal investigation prior to arrest when reasonable suspicion exists that the person is unlawfully present in the United States.
 - However, upon arrest, law enforcement officers **must** verify immigration status when reasonable suspicion exists that the person arrested is an alien and unlawfully present in the United States.
- Requires a court to consider the defendant's legal residency status in the U.S when determining whether to release a defendant on bail or other conditions.
- Protects civil rights by prohibiting law enforcement officers from using race, color, or national origin in the enforcement of the verification requirements.
- Protects the jobs of legal residents by phasing in the use of the federal E-Verify system to confirm the employment eligibility of each new employee.
 - January 1, 2012 - All public employers
 - July 1, 2012 - Private employers with 100 or more employees
 - July 1, 2013 - All other private employers

LAST SEEN:

**HB 7089 passed out
of the Judiciary
Committee on
March 10, 2011.**

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